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Sonoma Home Fugitives Rob S.F. Home, Threaten Woman

Search for Howard Love, powerfully built 14-year-old negro youth and his 16-year-old companion, Frank Ortiz, fugitives from the Sonoma State Home, was intensified in the bay district yesterday after the pair had threatened a woman with a 10-inch knife when interrupted in a daylight burglary.

Love and Ortiz were identified from descriptions given by Mrs. Mary Wellberg, 1168 Lombard street, and by state-issue clothing bearing the painted numerals "28" which the pair left behind when they changed into clothing belonging to Mrs. Wellberg's husband.

San Francisco police inspectors told Sonoma county authorities yesterday that Mrs. Wellberg surprised the negro youth and his companion in the act of looting her home.

According to their report, Mrs. Wellberg said she heard someone in another room and thought it was a nurse who had been caring for her son. She walked into the room and was confronted by Love, he said, who thrust a long-bladed knife at her.

"I'll run you through," she quoted the youth as telling her. "Keep quiet!"

She was then forced to go upstairs while the pair completed looting the house and carrying off her husband's clothing. Both youths were armed with knives taken from her kitchen, she said. They also took a $175 check which officers believed they might attempt to cash.

Love is a son of Hosea Love, 507 Prince street, Berkeley. He was arrested in his father's home several months ago, after an earlier escape from Sonoma State Home, which was climaxed by a burglary spree here in which he brutally beat Mrs. Bessie Patton, local nurse, when she awakened as he was looting her apartment.

Love, despite his youth, is six feet one inch in height and looks much older than his age. He was sent to Sonoma State Home as a psychopathic case after a long series of crimes in the bay region, ranging from burglaries to an attack upon a minor girl, police reported.

All officers have been advised to use caution in apprehending the pair, as Love is considered to be dangerous. In his earlier break from the institution he is said to have assaulted an attendant. His latest escape was made at feeding time when doors were unlocked to admit attendants bearing food.

'Next of Kin' at California Tomorrow

The Nazi genius for propaganda and the spectacular feats of German secret operatives in the present war, have made it seem as though the Axis spy system were something invented by the feverish brain of Adolf Hitler. Such is not the case. The Nazi spy system was in operation decades before Hitler was born. The fuehrer merely has been using a ready-made tool. How he uses it is shown in the new film, "Next of Kin," companion feature to "Paris After Dark," which will be shown at the California theater on Wednesday.

German espionage as we know it today was created by a quiet unobtrusive man named Wilhelm Stieber. Stieber was secret police chief for Wilhelm Hohenzollern, first emperor of the modern Germany which defeated France in 1870. Stieber's fifth column in France, working precisely as Hitler's did in 1940, prepared the way for the earlier German triumph. His horde of agents, planted as porters, laborers, mechanics, doctors, chambermaids, hairdressers, barbers, everywhere they might overhear government secrets indiscreetly talked about, honeycombed France.

Keeping an ear out for careless gossip, some of the items utterly trivial, others slightly more important, none of them stunningly so, is the cornerstone of the terribly efficient Stieber method. The agent sends his collected rumors and hints on to headquarters. There, experts match the information to that of other agents, like a jig-saw puzzle. The completed pictures have led to some of Germany's greatest victories.

How careless talk in wartime plays into the hands of the Axis enemy, causing frightful loss of life, is the theme of "Next of Kin,"

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